(c) Rent control is a State subject. However, this Ministry has been pursuing those State/UT Govts. who have not considered exemption, to consider exemption of Wakf properties from the operation of Rent Control Enactments in the respective State/UTs.

Extention of Public Premises Act to Wakf Properties

2541. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU) :

MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI :

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken to get the Public Premises Act extended to Wakf properties; and

(b) the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) to (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assistance to Handicapped Persons

2542. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed by her Ministry to grant assistance to physically handicapped persons;

(b) whether the criteria has been revised; and

(c) the number of such persons who got assistance from her Ministry in the last three years; State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) The Ministry grants financial assistance to non-governmental organizations under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary action for Persons with Disability and the Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for purchase/fitting of Aids and Appliances. Under these schemes assistance is considered on specific application from the non-governmental organizations for various projects in the area of education, training, rehabilitation services and provision of aids and appliances